

HEALTH AND SANITATION PROGRAM

Exchange of notes at Panama December 31, 1942, and March 2, 1943

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The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Panamá, December 31, 1942

No. 525

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to our conversations relative to a cooperative program of health and sanitation in the Republic of Panamá, with particular reference to resolution No. XXX approved at the Third Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in January, 1942.²

If desired by the Government of Panamá, the Government of the United States is prepared to contribute a sum not to exceed one-half million dollars for a cooperative program of health and sanitation in Panamá, such sum to be made available through the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. The United States Government will also provide a group of experts in public health to cooperate with the officials of the Government of Panamá in the execution of the proposed program of health and sanitation.

It is understood that the Government of Panamá will furnish such personnel, services and funds for local expenditures as it may consider necessary for the efficient development of the program.

It is further understood that a special cooperative service of health and sanitation will be established within the appropriate ministry of the Government of Panamá and that the detailed arrangements for the establishment of such a special service will be effected by agreement between the appropriate official of the Government of Panamá and the representative of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs.

¹ Date on which program was taken over by Government of Panama.

² For text, see *Department of State Bulletin*, Feb. 7, 1942, p. 137.

Allocation of United States funds for the purpose of this program will be made by the Institute of Inter-American Affairs which is an agency of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. Detailed arrangements for the execution of each project and for the expenditure of United States funds will be made by mutual agreement between a representative of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs in Panamá and the appropriate official of the Government of Panamá.

It is understood that the sum not to exceed one-half million dollars contributed by the United States Government for execution of the cooperative program of health and sanitation in the Republic of Panamá will be expended for the control of malaria in accordance with mutual agreements between the appropriate official of the Government of Panamá and a representative of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs in Panamá.

All projects completed in the prosecution of this program will be the property of the Government of Panamá.

No project will be undertaken that will require materials or supplies, the procurement of which would handicap any phase of the war effort.

I should appreciate it if Your Excellency would be so good as to confirm to me your approval of this general proposal with the understanding that the details of the program will be the subject of further discussion and agreements.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

EDWIN C. WILSON

His Excellency

Señor Doctor Don OCTAVIO FÁBREGA,
Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

D.P. N°4947

PANAMÁ, *March 2, 1943*

MR. AMBASSADOR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note bearing the number 525 and dated December 31, 1942, which reads as follows:

[For text, see above.]

In reply, I take pleasure in communicating to Your Excellency that the Government of the Republic of Panamá accepts the general proposal contained in the communication transcribed above, the details of which will be the subject of further discussion and agreements.

I renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

OCTAVIO FÁBREGA
Minister for Foreign Affairs

His Excellency
EDWIN C. WILSON,
*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America,
City.*